

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Preparation of new syllabus and text books by NCERT**

3890. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has started preparing new syllabus and text books, based on the recently released "National Curriculum Framework for School Education";

(b) whether NCERT has decided to scrap all the History text books it brought out over the years;

(c) whether it has finalised the list of experts who would prepare the new History syllabus and textbooks; and

(d) if so, who are the experts selected by NCERT for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The new History syllabus has been prepared by involving school teachers, experts, educationists, etc. As regards preparation of books, the list of experts/authors has not been finalised.

**UGC recognition to astrology**

3891. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has given recognition to Astrology being taught at College/University levels;

(b) if so, whether the syllabus for courses equivalent to Graduation has been finalized;

(c) what preparations have been made to make available vernacular versions to suit the medium of instructions adopted by each